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1. MESSAGE DRAFTED BY USREP/JECOR RIYADH FOR COMMENT.

2. DR. REDA OBAID, CHAIRMAN AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF SAUDI ARABIAN NATIONAL CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SANCST) HAS MADE CLEAR IN DISCUSSIONS WITH USREP THAT THE SO-CALLED SOLAR ENERGY COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY DR. FAWAZ AL-ALAMI AND DESCRIBED IN REFTEL (B) WILL NEITHER COORDINATE SOLAR ENERGY RESEARCH NOR HAVE ANY AUTHORITY WHATEVER TO "RULE" OR "PASS" ON APPLICATIONS BY FOREIGN OR SAUDI FIRMS INTRODUCING NEW SOLAR TECHNOLOGY OR PRODUCTS AS ASSERTED BY AL-ALAMI.

3. THE OFFICIAL SAG BODY SPECIFICALLY CHARGED WITH COORDINATING ACTIVITIES OF SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS IS
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SANCST, AND DR. OBAID POINTS OUT THAT EVEN SANCST WILL HAVE NO DIRECT CONTROL OVER ACTIVITIES OF UNIVERSITIES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES OR PRIVATE FIRMS. HE SAID THIS WOULD BE DONE INDIRECTLY FOR UNIVERSITIES AND GOVERNMENT ENTITIES--IN PART THROUGH THE BUDGETARY PROCESS BY THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND NATIONAL ECONOMY AND THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING, AND IN PART THROUGH SANCST RESEARCH GRANTS.

FURTHERMORE, THE SANCST BOARD WILL HAVE REPRESENTATION FROM MAJOR UNIVERSITIES AND SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTIONS AND SOME COORDINATION CAN BE DONE INFORMALLY THROUGH THE BOARD.

4. COMMENT BY JIDDA: IT IS CLEAR THAT DR. AL-ALAMI IS CONCENTRATING HIS ACTIVITIES IN COMMERCIAL FIELD ALTHOUGH HE MAINTAINS HIS INTEREST IN SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND OTHER ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS. EVEN THOUGH HIS COMMITTEE LACKS GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITY, DR. AL-ALAMI HAS ALREADY BEGUN TO EXPLOIT IT AS A VEHICLE FOR PROMOTION OF COMMERCIAL INTERESTS.

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